



Appl. No. 10/652,877
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REMARKS

The non-final Office Action mailed June 13, 2005 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1, 10, 19, 27 and 35 have been amended and claims 2, 11, 20 and 28 have been canceled. Claims 2, 11, 20 and 28 were objected to. Claims 1, 3-10, 12-19, 21-27 and 29-35 are pending.

Applicants appreciate Examiner's indication of allowability of claims 2, 11, 20 and 28.

In paragraph 3 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1, 3-10, 12-19, 21-26 and 35 were objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Egan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,452,735).

In paragraph 5 on page 4 of the Office Action, claims 27 and 29-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Egan in view of Gong et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,683,737).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have amended the claims to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance by combining the subject matter of claims 2, 11, 20 and 28 into the independent claims..

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Attorney for Applicants, David W. Lynch, at 651-686-6633 Ext. 116.

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